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SUBJECT: US-ICELAND BILATERAL

REF: A. MARTIN/PINKNEY TELECON MAY 23

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FURTHER TO REPORTED INDICATIONS OF GOI INTEREST IN BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON REPORTED BY REFERENCES, MFA TELLS US PURPOSE WOULD BE TO INFORM USG OF ICELANDIC INTENTIONS REGARDING UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF ECONOMIC ZONE TO 200 MILES, REASONS FOR SUCH ACTION, AND TO SEEK USG SUPPORT PUBLICLY AND INTERNATIONAL FORA.

COMMENT: PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAS POLITICALLY COMMITTED ITSELF TO UNILATERAL EXTENSION BY NEXT NOVEMBER AND IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DOMESTIC CRITICISM IF IT DID NOT TAKE
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EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GET ITS VIEWS ON RECORD. PRIME MINISTER

AND FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE WELL AWARE FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH
THIS EMBASSY THAT USG OPPOSES UNILATERAL ACTION IN LAW
OF SEA MATTERS. THEREFORE, IT APPEARS THAT ALL PRIME
MINISTER WANTS IS TO BE ABLE TO SAY HE HAS MADE ICELAND'S
POSITION KNOWN TO TOP LEADERS OF USG.
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